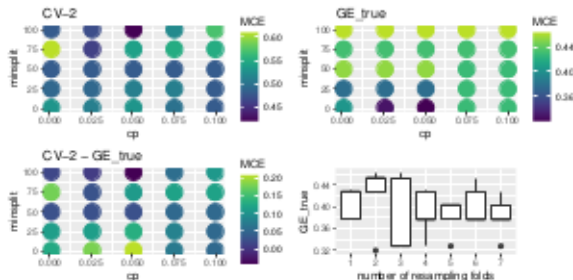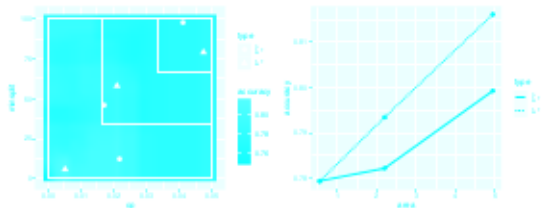# PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF HPO

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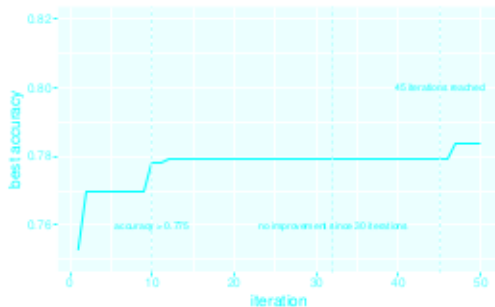 - **Also: use something that's stable and robust! More an aspect of the implementation than the algo!**

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  - HPO execution can be parallelized at different levels (outer resampling, iteration, evaluation, inner resampling, model fit)